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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Herbert E. Hetu  
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SUBJECT: Input to the DCI's Annual Report [REDACTED]

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Preparation of the DCI's Annual Report for calendar year 1978, due to the President and the Congress by 25 January 1979, is now under way. The DCI has approved a concept for this year's Annual Report which is more selective than last year's, both because this seems more appropriate to a 1978 characterized by attention to key intelligence issues rather than the comprehensive report approach used for 1977 as a year of extensive community restructuring, and also to limit length for a busy reader to a manageable 30-40 pages (last year's ran 80 plus). The DCI has also approved an outline for this year's report (Attachment 1). Part I is designed to allow the DCI to highlight the particular characteristics and emphases of 1978 in intelligence; Part II is intended to air several issues of great importance to him, his key Executive users, and the Congress.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] The two sections of the outline on which your thoughts would be particularly helpful are public perceptions and attitudes regarding intelligence (I.G.) and leaks (topic 2. under Security and Counterintelligence Issues). Specifically:

a. Do you identify any noteworthy shifts of emphasis in 1978 in media or other public attitudes toward intelligence? What has characterized 1978 in the Outreach Program, the DCI's own public appearances and interviews, in academic relations, in the volume and type of unclassified intelligence studies made publicly available, and in experience in protecting the credibility of intelligence through attention to the context in which intelligence work on sensitive policy areas is made publicly available?

b. With respect to classified intelligence information leaking into the media, how would you characterize the volume, subject matter, seriousness and causes of such leaks in 1978? Overview comment with some examples would be helpful.

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25X1 3.  Additionally, in a 15 September 1978 letter to the DCI on his Annual Report generally, Chairman Boland of the HPSCI identified six topics of special interest to the Committee (Attachment 3). Our discussion with the Committee staff indicates that they mean the sixth of these, on unauthorized disclosure of classified information, to include leaks. We have asked the DCI Security Committee and the Community Security Group to organize a response to this request. Your records may well be organized to retrieve data on media leaks aspects of this topic that would be useful in preparation of the response.

25X1 4.  is responsible for producing this year's DCI Annual Report. Please identify a principal point of contact for her to work with. We shall need all the overview comments for outline sections E.2. and G. by COB 6 November, in order to accomplish integrated drafting of the entire Annual Report in November, review in December, and DCI clearance and production in January.

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Attachments:

1. DCI Revised Outline - AR for 1978
2. DCI letter to NFIB principals requesting
3. Boland letter to DCI (15 Sep w/att & DCI interim reply)

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